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Hugh Lawson
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB
Began Service: December 29, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

Legal Practice: Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association

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W. Louis Sands

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: May 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Georgia - Middle District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

Judicial: Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (2001-2006)

Legal Practice: Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)

Military Service: Captain United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1971-1980)

Current Memberships: Albany County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia

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Clay D. Land

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960
Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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C. Ashley Royal

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia (1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County, Georgia (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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Claude W. Hicks, Jr.

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD
Began Service: 1986
Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Richard L. Hodge

Magistrate Judge

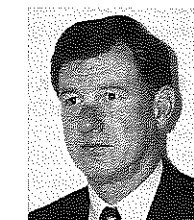
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G. Mallon Faircloth
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1999
Term Expires: June 30, 2015

Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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